

Department of Ecology
Associated Lead and Arsenic Related Activities

Western Washington

Tacoma Smelter Plume

Child Use Area Sampling Design:

- The county health agencies, Ecology and Health are developing approaches for sampling child use areas including currently consulting the public including development of a priority child-use sampling areas. It is expected that sampling of child use areas in King and Pierce Counties will begin in the winter of 2002 and spring of 2003.
- Ecology is in the midst of a series of four public meetings being held in various King County locations to consult communities about the Ecology and public health agency effort to prioritize child-use areas for soil sampling. Two Ecology Fact Sheets have been distributed to inform communities about the child-use area sampling.
- A report summarizing the results will be prepared next year after all of the sampling is completed.

Tacoma & Pierce County Study:

- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department has completed the soil sampling has been completed and data results are expected to be released this month.
- Ecology is attending neighborhood council meetings and planning for meetings with area school superintendents and local government regarding the recent sampling study and in planning for a child-use area study.

Central and Eastern Washington

- The City of Yakima's Kissel Park project is complete. The lead/arsenic contaminated soil has been capped and the clean site-soils planted with grass.
- Wenatchee Area Schools
 - Ecology is working with the Wenatchee school district to conduct an immediate interim action at Lincoln Elementary School in order to be ahead of the winter snow. Upper arsenic levels ranged between 300-400 ppm. A public comment period on the proposed action will be held in early December concurrent with the SEPA comment period.
 - Additionally, limited grounds maintenance will be conducted at other school facilities in the area.
 - Informational materials about the sampling are being developed for area school superintendents.